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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: James L. Driessen)
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Serial No.: 09/630,272) Art Unit
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Examiner: Nicholas D. Rosen.)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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WRITTEN REQUEST FOR STATUS UPDATE

Dear Sir:

Please provide me with an update regarding the status of the above-identified patent application.

The patent application was filed on August 1, 2000. Applicant received an Official Filing Receipt and 1st office action. The Primary Examiner, Nicholas Rosen, informed me when I called

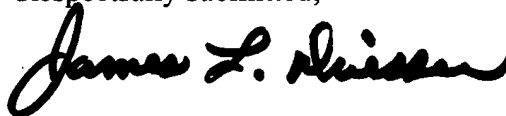
him on or about September 15 that the status of the application was "allowed not mailed" and has been so since February 14, 2004.

A previous attempt to obtain status information when the Primary Examiner was not available led me to the Inventors Assistance Center, where I was given the information that the application had been in allowance now for more than 6 months and that I needed to contact an attorney immediately to see if there was anything I could do to revive this abandoned patent application. Obviously, I was quite concerned. Several days later, I was able to get in touch with the Primary Examiner who assured me that the status was still "allowed-not-mailed." I am not too familiar with exactly what that particular status means. I can't find much reference to it in the MPEP to help me understand. Accordingly, for my own peace of mind I am sending this request in writing and will do so at least every two months so that I can be assured that my application does not become abandoned. Please notify me of the status of this application and what further steps Applicant is required to take to ensure the prosecution of this application.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (801)796-6014 or (801)360-8044 (mobile).

DATED this 21st day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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